

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Fuerst, et al.

APPLICATION No.: 09/769,066

FILED: January 24, 2001

FOR: HEPATITIS E VIRUS ANTIGENS AND USES

THEREFOR

EXAMINER: Foley, Shanon A.

ART UNIT: 1648

CONF. No: 7789

Petition for 1-Month Extension of Time

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 1-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period for response to October 2, 2004, which falling on a Saturday, extends the period for response to Monday, October 4, 2004.

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Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely \boxtimes filing of this petition and enclosures.

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